



Water Quality NewsFlash

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Los Angeles Trash TMDL – Temporary set-aside – Earlier this year, the California Court of Appeals declared the trash TMDL for the LA River void and ordered the Water Boards to set aside the TMDL and not implement it until it had been brought into compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (see *NewsFlash* 06-06). This TMDL has substantial requirements on storm water runoff: the numeric goal is zero trash and the implementation plan requires a 10 percent reduction in trash loading per year. The Board is following up on the Court decision with a formal resolution temporarily setting aside the TMDL. The hearing will be June 8; comments are due June 1.

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/html/bpaRes/bpa_td/bpa_49_New_td.html

Lake Tahoe TMDL – Model produces revised pollutant budget – This TMDL for sediment and nutrients uses very detailed source modeling to identify targets for reductions. A recent TMDL presentation described the modeling approach and summarized the results. Source categories include groundwater, stream channel erosion, shoreline erosion, atmospheric deposition and upland (general watershed contributions). The upland category contributes the majority of the phosphorous and fines (fines are small particles that cause most of the reduction in clarity). Interestingly, contributions from atmospheric deposition are also significant: 51% of nitrogen, 16% of phosphorous and 9% of total fines. The majority of deposited air pollutants are assumed to be generated in the Tahoe basin. Posted: [very large file!]

http://www.pathway2007.org/assets/APRIL_MAY_06/TMDL.pdf

Proposed Vehicle Legislation – Bills intended to help fund programs –

- *Fees from vehicle registration* - Assembly Bill 2838 (Pavley) would give 20 coastal and Bay Area counties the option of increasing vehicle registration fees by up to \$6 per vehicle to fund specified clean water projects and programs. A similar bill last year was vetoed. New bill: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2801-2850/ab_2838_bill_20060417_amended_asm.html
- *Fees from brake pad sales* – AB 2996 (Levine) would add a one dollar tax to brake pads to generate a fund to be used to address water quality problems caused by brake pad residues. The findings in the bill state: “Automobile brake pads contribute to nonpoint source pollution and environmental degradation, through the release of copper and other contaminants.” The accumulated funds would be used to address the adverse impacts of automobile brake pads. Interestingly, the legislation does not propose the use of alternatives for copper in brake pads. http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2951-3000/ab_2996_bill_20060406_amended_asm.html

CIWQS – State Board’s integrated data system – The *California Integrated Water Quality System* (CIWQS) is a new computer system for the State and Regional Water Boards to track information on water quality and manage permits, inspections, violations and enforcement activities. CIWQS also includes an electronic Self Monitoring Report (eSMR) for submission of monitoring reports. It is being phased in by Region. Info: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ciwqs/index.html>

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